HUTTON PARISH St. Peter St. Peter

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From the Editor...

So here we are at the height of Summer. Schools have broken up until early September and many of you will be going on holiday – or trying to, depending on whether you can get flights, or avoid rail strikes, or even afford a holiday at all with the cost of living rising exponentially it seems. It does seem rather unfair that having suffered the constraints of Covid for the past two summers, now that we are legally able to move around freely we have these other issues to contend with.

It is also the time of year known in the church as "Ordinary Time". In simple language that just means that it is a relatively quiet time when not much is happening in the church calendar. So I thought I would just reflect for a moment or two on the history of this re-vamped church magazine.

The magazine re-started in April, 2020 – just in time for the pandemic. Obviously we couldn't print 'hard' copies of it – we weren't even allowed into church to get to the printer! So for the first ten issues or so it was "on-line only". We knew that that meant we weren't getting the magazine to all those that wanted it, and we relied on those of you who could see it on line and were able to download and print copies, to do so for distribution to individuals as you saw fit.

Then, just before Christmas last year we were at last able to produce paper copies. There were all sorts of teething problems to begin with, most of which weren't resolved until we got a new printer (it wasn't much fun having to wait ten minutes for each copy to print!). But eventually we reached the point where we more or less knew what we were doing – and the new printer only took two minutes to churn out each copy!

So, the next question: how many copies to produce? Naturally we didn't want to waste paper, so we started with a print run of forty. They all went, so for the next edition we upped it to sixty. They all went quickly too, so we increased the run to eighty. No: that clearly wasn't enough either. So now we're up to 100 per issue (and I'm still not convinced that everyone who wants one can actually get one!) So we must be doing something right.

I try to get the same contributors from the ministry team to write about their favourite topics each time. I try to incorporate useful information such as details of forthcoming services for the two months covered by the magazine. I like to get a few historical or nostalgic bits in – watch out for a regular item from the October edition onwards entitled "From the Archives", and I'm not above a regular puzzle and a few bits of humour.

But what I'd really like are some guest articles. Something written by you, the reader. It doesn'at have to be word-perfect: I can correct any little mistakes. It doesn't have to be about any specific topic – just something you'd like to share with the rest of us, or would like to start a debate about. Or just something that you'd like an answer to. Then I'd begin to think that we really had an all-embracing community and parish magazine.

Please give it some thought - and get in touch with me if you would like to contribute.

Malcolm Webb

Editor

trom the Rector

2 And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 2: 2-3



As I write this introduction to our late summer edition, we find ourselves in the midst of a heat wave, with temperatures set to exceed 30 Celsius for the next week or so. Apart from the fact that we Brits love a bit of drama when it comes to the weather, (what else would we talk about?!) there is something about these very hot days that slow us down and force us to find alternative ways of organising our days.

Alongside this, many of us are venturing out on our summer breaks: whether they be to foreign shores, UK destinations, or staycations from the comfort of our own homes. Whatever we may find ourselves doing, my prayer for each of us is that we find time to rest.

And I mean a proper and holy rest.

The verses from Genesis 2 remind us that God rested. After he had completed the work of creation, he sat back and enjoyed what he had done. Not only this, He gifted this seventh day of rest to the people he had created in His own image. Theologically this means that we too are designed to take rest, but also that it is the first thing humanity does in the Biblical narrative. Therefore, the way we approach resting is important – it isn't something we should do because we are tired and burned out (although this can and does happen to many), it is something we should do before our work. We work from rest rather than rest from work. It's a subtle and yet important shift in emphasis.

Perhaps then, we should see this gift of the summer break as a chance to prepare ourselves for the work we will head towards in the Autumn – almost like it's the start of a new year. Over the month of August, the church will operate on a much-reduced agenda. Sunday morning services will continue, but the 9.30am service will have a simpler and more relaxed form as we worship together across the age groups in the congregation. The evening service will take a break until September and church meetings will be paused too. This is to allow us to rest, enjoy some sabbath time together (and with our friends and families) and for us to enjoy being with God too.

My prayer is that we all find the space and time this August for the holy rest that God commands us to keep. It's for our own good!

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Have a lovely summer,

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Service | Church | Preacher |
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| 7 th August | 9.30 11.15 | - 3 | St Peters All Saints | Chris Chris |
| 14 th August | 9.30 11.15 | J | St Peters All Saints | Fr Andy Fr Andy |
| 21 st August | 9.30 11.15 | Holy Communion Holy Communion | St Peters All Saints | Fr. Andy Fr. Andy |
| 28 th August | 9.30 11.15 | Holy Communion Morning Prayer | St Peters All Saints | Revd. Lisa Revd. Lisa |
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| 4 th September | 11.15 | Holy Communion Holy Communion C.E.W. | St Peters All Saints St Peters | Fr. Andy Fr. Andy Tim |
| 11 th September | | Holy Communion Parade Service – Battle of Britain | St Peters All Saints | Fr. Andy Chris |
| 18 th September | 11.15 | Holy Communion Holy Communion C.E.W. | St Peters All Saints St Peters | Fr. Andy Fr. Andy Fr. Andy |
| 25 th September | 9.30 11.15 | Holy Communion Morning Prayer | St Peters All Saints | Sue Sue |

In addition to the above, on **Sunday, 18th September at 15.30,** a Service of Ordination during which Alice and Sue will be ordained Deacons will be livestreamed to St Peters direct from Chelmsford Cathedral. All are welcome to attend



WEDDINGS

The glorious summer is upon us and weddings are truly underway at All Saints church. The groomsmen in their three-piece suits and ladies with their millinery were grateful to cool down in church. We have been treated to fine singing and a string quartet recently, as well as the majestic organ and melodic piano played by our resident musician Adrian Thompson. Dawn and Carol have put together gorgeous flower swags and pedestals.

Please pray for our couples as they make their vows in the presence of God in the forthcoming months: Jerome Mcully and Courtney Taylor on 28th August, and

Alexander Biagioni and Alexandra Hunt on 24th September.

Colossians 3:12, As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

All information about getting married in our churches can be obtained by contacting me. My details can be found on the "Useful Contacts" page at the back of this magazine

Annie Bayley

Weddings Co-ordinator





Andrew and Josephine







Becky and Sean



Mark and Olivia





Café

The Summer holidays are almost upon us and we have been busy recruiting extra help for July and August with a number of young people doing some work experience with us. We are also filling some permanent gaps so please do pass the word on to anyone you may know who may be looking to volunteer.

Peabody will continue to come in every Tuesday from 9.30am-1pm and Graham from CAP will be here every other Thursday to offer debt advice for anyone who needs it. The café will be closed on Thursdays from 21st July until 8th September. Instead, Daily Bread will be going on tour! See Daily Bread Days Out (below) for details.

Arts and Crafts

The clay garden has really taken shape! This has mainly been made by Karalyn and Bev but quite a few café customers have also contributed. We are hoping that when finished it will travel around the community, to care homes and schools, so that other people can enjoy this wonderful creation! Much like the beautiful hand knitted Jubilee display by United in Kind's "Hug

'n Shrug" project that we were lucky enough to be loaned for a day for our knitters and other customers to admire.

There are no specific projects planned for the holidays but we will have plenty of arts and crafts available and diamond art packs to keep kids and adults busy.





Jubilee

The Jubilee Concert was a fantastic success, an evening of joyful music with something to suit everyone. Thanks to all those involved in organising and participating in this event, and to everyone who came!

The Brentwood Rotary Club treated some of our customers and volunteers to a wonderful afternoon tea in a belated Jubilee celebration. We were served with tea, Prosecco and delicious sandwiches and cakes, and entertained with music from Dean Weadon! Many thanks to Vicky Davies and all the other ladies and gentlemen from the Rotary Club for organising this and providing such a lovely spread!

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club continue to meet on Wednesdays and Fridays. They had a very successful plant sale at Willowbrook School raising around £100! The remaining plants were sold at the café. Hopefully another one will be arranged soon!W







Minibus

We are now the proud owners of a minibus! It will be well used over the summer and has already been helpful in reducing the crate mountain outside the church!

It was used to help one of our customers pick up a sofa and there are lots of ideas in the pipeline of how it can be of help to our community.



Daily Bread Days Out

As we are closed on Thursdays during the holidays, Daily Bread will be taking the minibus on some days out! The first of these will be a trip to Burnham-on-Crouch on 26th July, leaving St Peters at 9.30am.

Anyone is welcome to make their own way and meet us there, or they can sign up for a space on the minibus if they need transport. Please come and see us in the café to do this.

We have purchased some sports/games equipment and buckets and spades (for beach days) to take with us. Please see the poster in the magazine and in the church for details of all the other dates.

Food Hub

The Food Hub continues to be open Mon-Sat, 10am-12pm. Most days are busy as the food we are receiving from the supermarkets is not stretching as far. We have had to reduce the amount of tinned/packet products we give out as our stocks are dwindling and we are not receiving quite the amount of donations that we used to.

We are always looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours to collect food in the evenings and help in the café during the day, particularly to provide cover in the school holidays. If you think you could help or know someone who would like to volunteer, please email dailybread@ huttonparish.com

Hebrews 13:2 - Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Summer at Daily Bread



Volunteering Opportunities

Use the QR Code to apply

Monday

Cafe Closed

Food Hub Open 10am - 12pm

Tuesday

Cafe Open 9am - 1pm Colouring Club

Food Hub Open 10am - 12pm

Wednesday

Cafe Open 9am - 1pm
Gardening Club, Arts & Crafts
Knitting Group, Blue Flower Dementia Support
(3rd week of each month)

Food Hub Open 10am - 12pm

Thursday

Cafe Closed from 21st July
Daily Bread Goes on Tour
Reopening 8th September

Food Hub Open 10am - 12pm

Friday

Cafe open 9am - 1pm Gardening Club, Arts & Crafts

Food Hub Open 10am - 12pm

Saturday

Cafe Closed

Food Hub Open 10am - 12pm





All Saints • St. Peter

Hutton Parish

Daily Bread, St Peters Church, Claughton Way, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, CM131|S











DAILY BREAD



hutton parish charity Platinum jubilee celebration









BABIES AND PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Come and meet other parents or carers of babies and toddlers.

Enjoy Toys, Free Play,

Refreshments and Chat at

St Peters Church.







Claughton Way Hutton CM13 1JS





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Little Fishes is part of the St Peter's children ministry team and we welcome babies and toddlers and their carers every Thursday morning (term time) for singing and playing.

The end of term is fast approaching and our last session is a garden party on Thursday 14th July, before we break for summer.

We have on average between eighteen to twenty three children and their grown ups each week for fun and chat, with lots of tea and cakes! We have had arts and crafts, games, parachute, bubbles, sing and sign with Maggs and Sharon, Christmas party,





Easter fun, Jubilee party and raised

£107 for the guide dog charity and £110 for Ukraine DEC.

We will be back on Thursday 8th September 10am. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with us, our details are at the back of this magazine.. Full training and support will be given!

Jenny, Jan, Annie & Sheryl

REACHING OUT AND CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE POWER OF PLAY.



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School Holiday Opening Hours



CAFE

CAFE CLOSED EVERY THURSDAY FROM 21ST JULY 2022. REOPENING 8TH SEPTEMBER 2022

FOOD HUB

FOOD HUB OPEN
TUESDAY - SATURDAY 10AM - 12PM

PLEASE NOTE

Due to holiday season we may sometimes be short on volunteers and have to close at short notice. Any changes will be posted to our Facebook page

> Daily Bread, St Peters Church, Claughton Way, Hutton, Brentwodd, Essex, CM13 1JS



Hutton Daily Bread We provide food, support & friendship to to those in our community.

The Daily Bread Cafe has provided food to hundreds of families during lockdown. Please help us to continue our work by making a donation through JustGiving using the QR code above. By doing so, you will be helping us support hundreds more during this difficult time and beyond.





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Good luck with this Codeword. We've given you two letters to get you started.

If you need help, the answsers are elsewhere in this magazine.

PRAYER AND ICONS

The two Quiet Days which we have had recently at All Saints were based on some of the imagery which we have in our beautiful parish church.

The stained-glass windows gave us the opportunity to reflect and pray on the life of Christ depicted in them from the annunciation and nativity in the west window through his ministry of teaching and healing, to the passion and crucifixion in the east window and the 'hidden' resurrection and the windows showing the ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit.

For our second day it was the saints - or at least their symbols - from the etched windows which provided the focus of our meditations for the day to see if those saints, part of the 'great cloud of witnesses' and part too of the communion of saints of which we are members, could assist us in our spiritual journey.

My hope for our third Quiet Day is to use prayers and meditations on holy icons in a similar way, in what I call

"An Image of the Sacred: A Glimpse of the Divine"

Prayer and Spirituality

"To pray is to pay attention to something or someone other than oneself. Whenever a man so concentrates his attention he is praying". W.H.Auden.

Jim Forrest in his book 'Praying with Icons' suggests that not only is prayer difficult but that sometimes it can seem faintly ridiculous standing reciting words to a God we are not sure we believe in or the God we are not sure exists.

I think at many times we are all, even the most prayerful of us, left with that feeling of unworthiness, inadequacy, futility. I think I am not alone here!

But, he continues we are meant to pray – it is as natural as breathing. It is one of the most persistent and universal of human activities. Whilst in a secular society prayer is perhaps seen as odd, there is no culture in which some form of prayer has not existed.

Prayer is part of our response to the awesomeness of life, whether we are thinking of the vastness of the cosmos, or the beauty of a flower, the sound of music or the wind and rain, or the look of love on the face of one we love.

Prayer is about feeling vulnerable and in need of God's help. Pain and loss are part of the human condition, and we naturally cry out for help.

But it is also about a deep-seated longing for God himself.

"You have made us for yourself. O Lord. And our hearts are restless until they rest in you", wrote St Augustine.

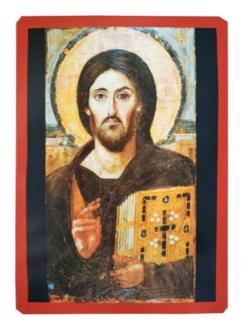
We all experience the loneliness, the existentialism which draws us to seek $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$ in

prayer, to be in touch with God, to explore God. Spirituality is about moving deeper and deeper into that relationship with God which is as close as breathing, "nearer than my jugular" Thomas Merton called it.

Prayer can be an expression of that love, that desire for God.

But so offen prayer can be difficult or even boring: it can become over pious and pretentious. It can become routine but have no discipline. It can be distracted by the slightest thing – a thing even the great Anglican priest John Donne complained of. And it can be hampered by time – thinking we haven't time to pray in amongst our busy lives – when we find plenty of time to do other things!

What I am aiming for in our next Quiet Day is to explore whether praying through Icons is a way of praying which gets rid of some of the difficulties and can be an enriching way to pray.



Icons are things of prayer in themselves - they have been prayed into being and we pray through the images represented, joining our prayers with the whole communion of saints. They are bridges to God.

By concentrating on looking at and through the icon it is easier to avoid the distractions of the outside, but at the same time invites us to keep our eyes open.

Icons encourage us to pray with the whole of our senses – with touch and movement as we bow or cross ourselves in front of the icon; with sight as we gaze at the icon and light a candle before it as a metaphor of prayer; and with sound and silence.

We can perhaps lose the worry of what you are to 'say'. St Theophan the Recluse, a 19th century Russian bishop said, "In prayer the principle is to stand before God with the mind in the heart and go on standing before Him unceasingly day and night until the end of life".

With icons we can come to a realisation that we are all icons of Christ. That is why in the Orthodox Liturgy the priest will cense both the icons and the congregation.

The Icon

Icons are images (eikon). Strictly speaking iconography means to write an icon, not to paint it. Icons are not really art, not just a 'holy picture'- they are much more than that. They are "theology in imagery" a form "permitting the transition from the visible to the invisible"

In the Orthodox tradition the revelation of salvation is communicated through the written text of the Bible, the canon of which was laid down in the early centuries. The Bible of the East was that of Alexandria, which includes the Apocryphal books.

Tradition is also passed on in the teaching of the Church. The Fathers of the Orthodox Church taught that tradition can be passed on by other means: the revelation of God can come through visual images. Icons can therefore be seen as the visual equivalent of the Bible. They are therefore not art but theology.

Michel Quenot calls them a "window on the kingdom"; others that they are portals open

By Chris Thomas

to the glory and beauty promised to us. The icon has a sacramental quality - an outer and visible sign of an inner and invisible truth.

In an age when the visual seems to be as an important means of communication as the written word perhaps icons can be a "way in" to explore hidden truths and as a way of worship.

Some of you may still feel rather uncomfortable about the idea of praying to a picture. Let me assure you that is not what we are doing!!

You are praying with or through the image. Forget if you can your Western sensibilities that these images are "works of art". They are not made for realism; they are prayed into being to be prayed through. The icon is to be looked through to the "idea" - the prototype. Allow yourself to be worked on, as Rowan Williams puts it: as well as looking at something, allow yourself to be looked at by God.

Mankind is a living Icon. According to Genesis we were "created in the image and likeness of God" We are children of God with Christ through the Incarnation.

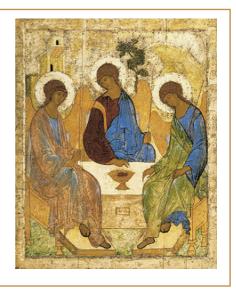
Origen wrote that "Man received the privilege of the image of God at his creation, but the total perfection of a resemblance to God will be conferred on him only when all things are fulfilled"

Chris Thomas

QUIET DAY at ALL SAINTS

Saturday 17th September 2022 10am- 3pm.

"An Image of the Sacred: A Glimpse of the Divine"



Afternoons of Quiet Prayer and Meditation.

On the fourth Wednesday of each month we shall meet in the Chapel of St Peters Church between 2- 4pm to sit in quiet prayer and meditation with God.

The idea of quiet can be difficult for some people but is important if we are to give God a chance to "speak and make us listen" amid the noise and rush of our daily lives. By learning to sit still for 20 minutes or so at a time (you don't have to do the full 2 hours!) it gives us a chance to quieten bodies and minds and spirits – and can become a source to call on at any time to calm and re-orientate oneself towards God.

Come and give it a try.
From 2-4pm I shall be there – God will certainly be there.

Wednesday September 28th. Wednesday October 26th. Wednesday November 23rd.

If you're feeling unsure give me a ring or have a chat with me in church.

Chris Thomas (01277 210862)



RESTART DATES

Rooted Lunch from Friday 9th September, 1.15pm. Venue TBC via Facebook group and Rooted Newsletter

Rooted Recharge: September 28th from 7.30pm-9pm at St Peter's with guest, June Oldacre.

From September, Rooted will also be meeting in Discovery Groups once a month. These small groups are simple, flexible spaces for connection, discussion and prayer

focused on a particular Bible passage each time. Hosted by different members of the community on different days, times and venues across each month, we hope and pray that this new addition to our monthly patterns will help us live out our values of Shared Life, Inclusive Welcome and Deeper Purpose, growing in faith and friendship and making a difference in the world.



For more information about Rooted Community, email rooted@huttonparish.com

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Last Saturday of each month 9am - St Peter's Church

Join us for a cooked breakfast, hot drinks, conversation, and a time of prayer. £3 donation



The Wednesday evening (1st & 3rd Wed of each month) Bible group is now gathering at 7pm to have a cup of tea or coffee and a worship hymn before splitting into three small groups.

The Monday group (1st Monday of each month) still starts at 2pm with tea & coffee afterwards.

Following is a brief summary of **Romans** chapters 1 & 2 which two of the groups were looking at in June & July.

(1:1-17) Paul introduces himself to the Christians at Rome. His life's work is to share the Gospel with non-Jews, and he looked forward to coming to Rome – the Gentile capital of the world. When Paul says 'righteousness from God... is by faith from first to last' (1:17), this challenges the Jewish belief that righteousness comes by keeping the law. By 'righteousness', Paul doesn't mean living a perfect life, but being in a 'right' relationship with God. Paul agrees that the Jews were the first to believe in the one true God, but insists that salvation is now open to Gentiles as well.

(1:18-32) God is invisible, but his work is clearly seen in creation. However, the human race has turned away from God and instead worships images of his creatures, especially in the case of the Gentiles: men and women looking for satisfaction in perverted sex.

People still have consciences of what is right, but encourage one another to abandon selfcontrol. Instead of being the living image of God, humans are now the most corrupt animals on earth.

God is angry at this corruption of humankind. But He has given human beings free will, and He allows them their choice even if it means they go from bad to worse.

(2:1-29) Because the Gentiles' lives have been corrupted into idolatry and perversion, the Jews look at them and condemn them as godless. But the Jews themselves have not actually lived according to God's law or even observed it. The Jews have been stubborn towards God and need to repent. One day God's searchlight will also turn on them. God will judge them first.

God will judge everyone by whatever light they have; the light of the law (in the case of the Jews) and the light of conscience (in the case of the Gentiles who do not have the law).

Paul intensifies his attack on self-righteous Jews. They are proud of the law, but they break it like everyone else. They are proud of circumcision – but it means nothing without obedience to God. In God's eyes, true circumcision is an attitude of heart.

Over the course of the next two months, the newly formed group will be looking at: -

Fear & Faith – Mark 4:35-6:6 (3rd August)
Understanding the Loaves – Mark 6:6-52 (17th August)
Violating Tradition – Mark 6:53-7:37 (7th September)
Who Do You Say I Am? – Mark 8:1-9:1 (21st August)

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To find out more about the Bible Study Groups, please contact
Tino on 01277 230944 or 07845 943676

WALK BY FAITH

HUTTON PARISH YOUTH GROUP

SPACE FOR THOSE IN SCHOOLS YEAR 6-9
2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS

Food. Friendship. Faith. Fun

Trip to Solid Festival

On Saturday 2nd July, 9 members of our church youth group went to the Solid Festival at Stubbers Outdoor Activity Centre. We had a fantastic day and managed to take part in pedal rides, laser tag, banana boating, kayaking, climbing and archery.

Our day began with a worship meeting, looking at some of the miracles of Elisha in the Old Testament book of 2 Kings. There was singing, a talk and lots of arts and crafts. After this, we found a spot near the lake for our picnic lunch before heading off to take part in the sports and activities. It was a very hot day, so we spent as much time as possible on the water – often ending up in the water, especially after the Banana Boating!

We enjoyed a takeaway pizza for dinner before attending the evening worship meeting, where we learned about the Prodigal Son. We then spent the evening in the Sports Café, playing ping-pong and table football. We also won the late night quiz with a massive score of 47/50!

Thanks to Father Andy, Revd Lisa, Sarah and Molly for taking us.

Ava Woolf Hutton Parish Youth Group













ALL WELCOME

daily bread

.SERVING OUR COMMUNITY.



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FOOD HUB MON-SAT 10-12 NOON



STAY FOR A CUPPA & COMPANY



CAFE TUES-FRI 9-1_{PM}

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are a number of ways you can donate to the Daily Bread Café

Give as you Live Online is the easy way to shop and raise money for The PCC Of All Saints with Saint Peter Hutton (Daily Bread)



Start raising money when you shop through Give as you Live Online at any of the 5,500 retail partners. From your handy dashboard, just click on the retailer you want to buy from, and you'll be directed to their website where you can continue to shop as normal. Your purchase will automatically generate a donation for Daily Bread.

https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/dailybreadhutton



Access to Food: If you would like to donate funds direct to our Bankuet account these funds will be transferred into store cupboard food which will be delivered to us direct from Morrisons www.bankuet.co.uk/dailybread

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Darren Butler and Karlie Nicholls

Colin Teagal and Gosia Davies

Darren Paget and Carly Purssord

Baptisms

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For a child, baptism is the beginning of an exciting journey of faith. In choosing to have their child baptised, parents are saying that he or she is precious to them and precious to God. For some parents – or other adults, for that matter – they themselves didn't have the opportunity for whatever reason to be baptised as a child. We want to encourage them to be baptised as adults and to enjoy the same feelings towards God as their children will.

In the first instance please contact the Parish Office. The Parish Administrator will liaise with the Clergy to establish a date suitable to all parties and you will be sent an application form and information leaflets about the baptism itself and the other facilities available for you and/or your child to become involved with, all of which are mentioned elsewhere in this magazine.

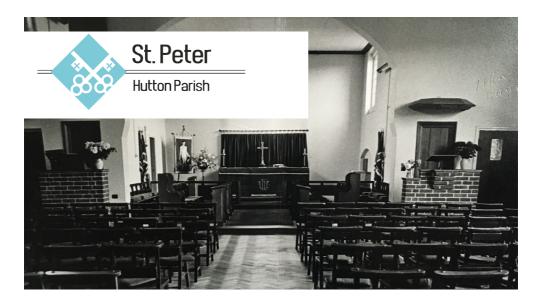
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Weddings

All information about getting married in our churches can be obtained by contacting our Weddings Co-ordinator, Annie Bayley.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE FOUND ON THE "USEFUL CONTACTS" PAGE AT THE BACK OF THE MAGAZINE.



In the last edition, we read how a new church for the area – a sister church to All Saints - had been mooted way back in 1934 by the then Minister, Rev. Piers Claughton who it seems was a veritable force of nature.

Unfortunately the plans had stalled, partly because many of the parishioners were not convinced that Rev. Claughton's proposed location for it was ideal; partly because the vicar then sadly died, and partly because of the outbreak of World War II.

After the War, the embryonic plans from 1939 were resurrected under the guidance of Rev. Clughton's successor, Rev. Knight, but the privations caused by the War were still being felt and there just weren't enough funds available for a new school, church, hall and a couple of tied houses. A number of new organisations had started up – the Mothers' Union in Hutton was formed in 1941 – and a new hall to accommodate them all was urgently required, but in the end priority was given to the new school.

Such was the complexity of the plans and discussions about what should be built where that nothing much happened until 1955. Along the way, Rev. Knight decided that he was too old to cope with all the upheaval, and in 1952 he retired, to be replaced by Rev. Tindall.

The new minister and his wife threw themselves enthusiastically into the new project and in 1955 the new school was completed. Much of the cost was state-aided, and it was soon clear that even with help from the Diocesan Board of

Finance, the proposals for the new church would have to be scaled down a bit. So in 1956 St Peter's was opened as a dual-purpose church and hall. The completion of the school and the church-plus-hall exhausted all the available funds, and the grand plans for a heamdmaster's house and a verger's house had to be shelved until 1959.

At that point the headmaster's house was built, whereupon the headmaster decided he didn't want to live in it anyway, so it became a home for a deacon and was named "St Peter's Parsonage" rather than "School House". So now we had a church with its multi-purpose hall – what we would call a community hall nowadays – which was used by the school and local groups and clubs. The Mothers' Union at last had a meeting place, and were soon joined by the Young Wives. Uniformed groups such as Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Rangers used it, and it even had a stage to allow for concerts as well. Jumble sales, bazaars, and much more besides were regular events. The hall itself formed the body of the building: the 'church' part consisted of just an altar and choir stalls. And a solitary bell, which the children used to queue up to ring before the 9.30 service, taking it in turns.

For a decade or so, everything was happiness and light. But the indefatigable and enthusiastic Rev. Tindall was still not satisfied. He could see clearly that the church was swiftly outgrowing its size: the congregation was simply too big for the premises, and it was apparent that a new, larger, church was a necessity rather than a luxury. Overseeing the creation of the 'new' church was Rev. Tindall's great ambition, but sadly he died suddenly in 1970 before he could see his ideas come to fruition.

As always, the stumbling block to building a new church was money. The only potential asset that the church or the school could look to was the field behind the existing buildings. Eventually it was agreed to sell the land to Springboard Housing Association for development. There was plenty of opposition to the suggestion, apparently. Some thought it would detract from the semi-rural setting that St Peter's enjoyed; others pointed out that a new housing development would simply add to the overcrowding rather than solve the problem. But eventually it was agreed to go ahead with the sale. Whatever the terms and conditions of the sale were, it seems that the housing estate took priority and work on the new church didn't get under way until the development was largely completed.

In the event the estate took years to complete. It was beset with problems: no sooner had work started than it became clear that a completely new sewerage system had to be installed. Costs escalated, requiring any number of alterations to the original plans to make them financially viable, and all the while time was marching on. St Peter's was chugging along under the ministry of Rev. Eric Jones and his wife, Muriel. A happy and vibrant community, but still desperately compromised in the space stakes.

And so it remained until the start of the '90s.

In the next edition we shall look back on the construction of the new, modern, St Peter's that we all enjoy now. There will no doubt be many of our readers who will recall the construction work and the eventual re-dedication of the church in 1991. If any of you have memories of that time, please pass them on to me, either in writing or in a telephone call, so that I can incorporate them into the article and share them with today's congregation.



Malcolm Webb

I am indebted to a number of our congregation who have supplied information to help me piece together this story of the development of our church over the past 90 years, especially Pam Wright, Len Davies and Margaret Morris, as well as Essex Records Office and of course the ever-reliable Google.

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